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SMITH-INTELLIGENCE
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WASHINGTON (AP) -- ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH SAID TODAY THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NEW EXECUTIVE ORDERS WILL REVITALIZE A ''DEMORALIZED AND DEBILITATED'' U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHILE PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

SMITH, IN THE PREPARED TEXT OF A LOS ANGELES SPEECH THAT WAS RELEASED HERE, SAID THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION ''IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO REVITALIZING THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE EFFORT'' WITH INCREASED RESOURCES AND BIGGER STAFFS. HE CITED THREE REAGAN EXECUTIVE ORDERS DEFINING THE AUTHORITY AND LIMITATIONS OF THE CIA AND ITS OVERSIGHT BOARDS.

THE ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID, HAD INHERITED AN INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS ''THAT HAD BEEN DEMORALIZED AND DEBILITATED BY SIX YEARS OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURES, DENUNCIATION AND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS.''

THE CIA'S BUDGET AND STAFF LEVELS ARE CLASSIFIED, BUT REPORTS DURING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INDICATED THAT AS MANY AS 800 AGENTS HAD BEEN DISMISSED OR ALLOWED TO RETIRE.

IN DRAFTING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER WHICH REAGAN ISSUED DEC. 4, THE ADMINISTRATION ENCOUNTERED SHARP CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM THAT IT WAS GIVING THE CIA TOO MUCH LATITUDE TO OPERATE IN THE UNITED STATES.

SMITH SAID THE FINAL ORDER SAYS THE CIA ''MAY CONDUCT SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES ONLY WHEN THEY ARE DIRECTED AT FOREIGN OBJECTIVES AND WHEN THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO INFLUENCE U.S. POLITICAL PROCESSES, MEDIA, OR PUBLIC OPINION.''

SMITH, WHO SPOKE TO THE LOS ANGELES WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, SAID THE ADMINISTRATION INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE EFFORT ''WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE RIGHTS OF AMERICANS. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES MUST BE CONDUCTED IN A LAWFUL MANNER.''

SMITH SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD STRICTLY OBSERVE ''FOURTH AMENDMENT AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING SEARCHES AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE.''

HE SAID LEGAL PROTECTIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS GENERALLY REQUIRE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OBTAIN A WARRANT BEFORE IT CONDUCTS SEARCHES OR SEIZURES, TAPS TELEPHONES OR PERFORMS OTHERS KINDS OF CLOSED-CIRCUIT MONITORING.

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